

Parish Notices

Deanery Prayer for April – Please click on the link to view the deanery prayer:

[Deanery Prayer notice April 2020.pdf](#)

All Saints 50/50 Club - All monthly draws are suspended until we can hold them in church again. Then we will have a grand catch up!

Electoral Roll Revision – It's that time of year when we review our Electoral Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll means you can vote on Church matters, attend Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Please speak with our Churchwarden's Denise Joy or Robert Philo and ask for an Application Form.

PCC Draft Accounts – Have now been sent to our Independent Examiner in preparation for our APCM, The draft accounts can be seen on our website by entering the link www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf if you have any questions about the accounts please send an email to marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com so that your question can be answered.

JERUSALEM JOY - Why not try something different this year, and follow the events of Holy Week through the words and music of 'Jerusalem Joy', a Cantata for Easter in popular style written and composed by Roger Jones in 1975. Publicly available on You Tube, I have gathered the twelve songs in order, and classified them by Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, at: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/v58uwoskigw9339/ABC4nOgByOmDzUDFV_y7RD5a?dl=0. Roger is aware of this initiative

Please see below for following links and advice:
[Maidstone Borough Council Support for vulnerable people](#)

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

<https://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk>

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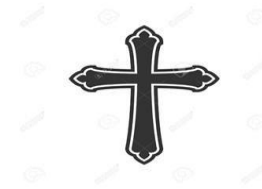
If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge

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Sunday 26th April 2020
Third Sunday of Easter



Our Church buildings must now be closed not only for public worship but also for Private prayer. This includes the Priest or Lay person offering prayer in Churches of their own.

Rev Ian Parrish will be recording the Sunday Morning Worship service and it can be viewed via our Facebook page the link is on this notice sheet and on both websites.

Daily worship is also available from Canterbury Cathedral via the All Saints website - www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk - click the link on the left hand side of the Welcome page.

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READING

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified. 'Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away,

everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

GOSPEL

Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to

them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

POST COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Special prayers for those in need

*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

Keith Sharp
Jean Williamson
Paul & Marlene Crease
Vera Alflatt
Millie Moss
Audrey Little
Daphne Holland
Nigel Gunyon
Mary Wheeler

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever
Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler
Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Brain Farmer
Iris Relf
Joan Lock-wood Jones
Robert Justice
Steve Davis

Our Facebook Page:
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Morning Worship

Opening Sentences

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began.

God was

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

God is

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment.

God will be

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be

Prayer

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come amongst us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

In the midst of this current crisis when many are fearful and when the future is so uncertain we continue to believe that you walk with your people. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

Our faith reminds us that in a guarded graveyard the footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, offering the promise of life and hope to all your people. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

So now, as we gather in our homes we continue to be your church celebrating your creation, your life, your death, your resurrection and your enduring and unfailing love for us; so to you we pray;

Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, hope where we feel anxious and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit who is our constant guide.

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, that those who care for us may be strengthened, that the anxious may be calmed, and those most vulnerable be protected, in the power of the Spirit, in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills but where shall I look for help

My help comes from the Lord who has made heaven and earth

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep

The one who keeps watch over his people shall neither doze or sleep

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe

The Lord shall take care of your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever

The Gospel reading of the day

A few moments of quiet reflection or conversation and the opportunity to pray for all those whom we know to be most vulnerable over the coming days and weeks

Prayers

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

God bless this city and move our hearts to pity lest we grow hard
God bless this house with silence, solitude and space that we may pray
God bless these days of rough and narrow ways lest we despair
God bless the night and calm the people's fright that we may love
God bless this land and guide us with your hand lest we be unjust
God bless this earth through pangs of death and birth and make us whole

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.